

**2020 LITCHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Litchfield in the County of Hillsborough and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon district affairs:

FIRST SESSION OF ANNUAL MEETING (DELIBERATIVE)

You are hereby notified that the first session of the annual meeting of the School District of the Town of Litchfield will be held at Campbell High School, 1 Highlander Court, in said Litchfield on Saturday, February 8, 2020, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon for explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles number 1 through number 7. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended, and (c) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article.

SECOND SESSION OF ANNUAL MEETING (VOTING)

You are hereby notified that the second session of the annual meeting of the School District of the Town of Litchfield will be held at Campbell High School, 1 Highlander Court, in said Litchfield on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon for the choice of School District Officers elected by official ballot, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on the official ballot, and to vote on all Warrant Articles from the first session on official ballot per RSA 40:13, VII. The polls for the election of School District Officers and other action required to be inserted on said ballot will open on said date at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon and will not close earlier than 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE A

To elect by ballot the following School District Officers:

School Board Member	3-Year Term
School District Clerk	3-Year Term
School District Moderator	3-Year Term
School District Treasurer	3-Year Term

ARTICLE 1

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to raise and appropriate as an **operating budget**, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by the vote at the first session of the annual school district meeting, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling **\$23,514,330**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$23,660,450, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Litchfield School District or by law; or the School Board may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.26 (Operating Budget)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.44 (Default Budget)

*Not Recommended by the School Board
Vote 0-5-0*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee
Vote 7-2-0*

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Litchfield School District and the Litchfield Support Staff Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year	Estimated Increase
2020-2021	\$67,521
2021-2022	\$44,377

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$67,521** for fiscal year **2021**, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.08

*Recommended by the School Board
Vote 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee
Vote 8-0-1*

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to establish a Class Size Reduction Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c, V for the purpose of funding staffing due to unexpected increases in enrollment and to raise and appropriate and place into the fund **\$99,000**, which has been appropriated in the FY20 Operating Budget, but has not been expended? This sum to come from the June 30 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1 with no amount to be raised from taxation. Further, to name the School Board as agents to expend from the fund.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0

*Recommended by the School Board
Vote 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee
Vote 9-0-0*

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$50,000** to be added to the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund established in 2004 and authorize the use of that amount from the June 30 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year, with no amount to be raised from taxation?

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0

*Recommended by the School Board
Vote 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee
Vote 9-0-0*

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to establish a Capital Improvement Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c,V for the purpose of funding the study, planning and cost of new construction or renovation of existing facilities in the Litchfield School District as recommended by the Capital Planning Committee, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$70,000** to be placed into the fund? This sum to come from the June 30 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1 with no amount to be raised from taxation. Further, to name the School Board as agents to expend from the fund.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0

*Recommended by the School Board
Vote 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee
Vote 9-0-0*

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$35,000** to purchase and install door barricade security devices for all hallway classroom/office doors at Griffin Memorial School, Litchfield Middle School and Campbell High School? These door security devices are necessary to prevent an intruder from gaining access to the doorknob, lever or lock on classroom and office doors in the school buildings.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.04

*Recommended by the School Board
Vote 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee
Vote 9-0-0*

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Litchfield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to re-core (cylinders and keys) all door locks at Litchfield Middle School? This is based on security and safety recommendations from the building security assessment performed by the New Hampshire Department of Homeland Security.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.03

*Recommended by the School Board
Vote 5-0-0*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee
Vote 8-1-0*

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AT SAID LITCHFIELD THIS 22nd DAY OF JANUARY 2020.



Brian Bourque, Chair



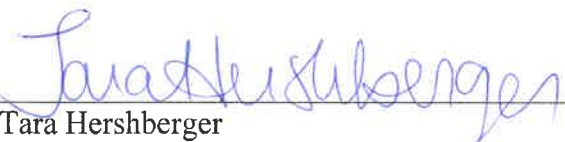
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